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Harijan Welfare Officers

*** 1092 *Q.*—SRI A. R. MARIMUTHU (on behalf of SRI P. S. CHINNADURAI) :** கனம் ரெவின்யூ அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க் கண்ட கேள்விக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

நமது ராஜ்யத்தில் எத்தனை ஹரிஜன கிராம உத்தியோகஸ்தாகள் இருக்கிறார்கள் ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The public interest served by answering the question would not be commensurate with the time and labour involved in collecting the particulars.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Since the Hon. Minister for Revenue wants to go somewhere urgently, I will take up his questions, viz., Questions Nos. 1098, 1102 and 1108 now with the permission of the House.

Stanley Hospital (increase in bed-strength)

* 1098 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Advisory Committee of the Government Stanley Hospital has recommended to the Government to increase the bed-strength of the hospital from 750 to 1,000 within the Third Five-Year Plan Period?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know the steps taken to increase the bed-strength?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Construction of a new women medical ward with 66 beds at a cost of Rs. 7 lakhs has now been sanctioned and the ward will be constructed. The existing cottages will be demolished. An additional ward of 24 beds has also been constructed on the second floor of Hope Block extension. When the above two wards are put into use, the total bed-strength of the hospital will be 822. There is also a proposal to construct a second-floor over the new out-patient block, which is now under construction to accommodate special ward patients of 'A', 'B' and 'C' classes.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Since the population of the State has increased by nearly 50 per cent in 20 years, will the Government try to increase the bed-strength in Government hospitals in the city?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : We are trying as far as possible to increase the bed-strength.

SRI K. B. S. MANI : ஸார், இந்த ஆஸ்பத்திரியில் நல்ல மருத்துவர்கள் இருப்பதால், ஜன நெருக்கடி அதிகமாக இருக்கிறது ; ஆனால் கம்பௌண்டிங் செக்‌ஷனில் போதுமான ஆள்கள் மருந்து கொடுக்க இல்லாத காரணத்தினால், வியாதியஸ்தர்கள் அதிகமாக இருப்பதால், காலம் தவறிப் போய்விடுகிறது, மருந்